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TF Eagle Family and Friends,

It is the third week, operations are really going well and morale remains high. We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving and a good meal. We will prepare and deliver the meal to other units, like the 212th MASH. TF Eagle's one-time special "Meals on Rotors" program is delivering a pre-cooked Thanksgiving meal to the doorstep of the US Marines at Shakira. It really boils down to everyone pulling together for the same goal.

Improvements in our Life Support Area (LSA) continue as we now have two full time barbers (a haircut costs \$1.50). Recent renovations and improvements have solved the hot water problems though shower discipline must still be enforced. We received more heaters for our tents and our Mayor's crew and the Kellogg Brown & Root contractors are in full swing getting them installed. We received gym equipment this week and are in the process of standing up a gymnasium in one of the MWR Tents. In the evenings the TF Chaplain is conducting a 15 minute "Hot Gas" Service and hosting a bible study. "Pub Trivia" Night continues weekly, and sponsorship will pass from the Brits to either us or the Aussies. The 1AD team has won 1st and 3rd so far, the only team to place both times. The off duty relationship between TF Eagle and the other nations supporting the relief efforts has developed a strong camaraderie, which carries over into our professional relationship and mission execution. LTG Eikenberry (Combined Forces Command – Afghanistan Commander) visited the Troops and Operation this week. He spent about an hour at our LSA and visited with many of the Soldiers (many coins were passed out). He was very impressed with the many improvements we have made since his last visit.

I want to relay our heartfelt thanks for your support of our Soldiers and of this mission. I want to remind everyone that the JFK Dining Facility at Fliegerhorst Kaserne will be serving a great Thanksgiving meal at a very reasonable price for family members and Soldiers.

Happy Thanksgiving
COL Bob Johnson
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